

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Autonomy to Air India and Indian Airlines**

406. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend sovereign guarantees to Air India (AI) and Indian Airlines (IA) to enable them to purchase aircraft at competitive rates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) The Government does not normally extend sovereign guarantees against external commercial borrowings.

#### **Changes in Prasar Bharati Act**

407. SHRI A.C. JOS:  
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:  
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:  
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:  
SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :  
SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV:  
SHRI VIJAY GOEL:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:  
SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have any plan for making any changes in Prasar Bharati Act, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the constitution of Board of Directors for Prasar Bharati has been finalised;

(d) if so, the details of composition and functions of the Board;

(e) whether the Government propose to regulate Private Channel;

(f) if so, the time by which the decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(g) to what extent the autonomy as contemplated under the Act has been granted to Doordarshan and AIR?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The Prasar Bharati ( Broadcasting Corporation of India) Amendment Ordinance, 1997 was promulgated on 29.10.97, thereby amending certain sections of the Principal Act, with a view to augment the autonomy and enhance the efficacy of Prasar Bharati as also to remove the overlap between the Prasar Bharati and the Broadcasting Authority, which is proposed to be put in place through a separate enactment.

(c) and (d) The constitution of the Prasar Bharati has not been finalised. According to the Act, the Prasar Bharati Board shall consist of a Chairman, one Executive Member, six Part-time Members, four Ex-officio Members, two representatives, of employees of Corporation and a representative of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The Board will perform functions *inter alia* relating to the general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Corporation which will encompass both Doordarshan and AIR in accordance with the objectives set out in the Act.

(e) and (f) The Broadcasting Bill, 1997 introduced by the Government in Lok Sabha on 16th May, 1997 provides for permitting private broadcasting in the country . The Bill has been referred to a Joint Select Committee of Parliament. No timeframe can be indicated at present.

(g) The Prasar Bharati would have full autonomy as contemplated under the Act.

#### **HUDCO Loan to Karnataka**

408. SHRI S. D. N. R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the HUDCO has sanctioned any loan to Karnataka recently;

(b) if so, the details alongwith terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka have completed all formalities related to the loan;

(d) if so, the names of the agencies likely to be provided with loan assistance from the said loan;

(e) whether the HUDCO has released the money to the respective agencies ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) During the current financial year, as on 31.10.97, HUDCO has sanctioned 24 housing and 9 urban infrastructure schemes envisaging loan assistance of Rs. 41 crores and 114 crores respectively. On completion these schemes will provide 18292 dwelling

units, 3177 developed plots and basic infrastructural services. Schemes are sanctioned as per HUDCO's guidelines, legal eligibility, technical soundness, financial viability and agency performance.

(c) Generally, all agencies of the Government of Karnataka are able to comply with the terms and conditions of loan sanctioned by HUDCO.

(d) HUDCO receives schemes from the following agencies for Karnataka:

1. Karnataka Housing Board
2. Karnataka Slum Clearance Board
3. Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board
4. Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation
5. Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board
6. Hubli Dharwad Urban Development Authority
7. Hubli Dharwad Municipal Corporation
8. Manglore City Corporation
9. Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation
10. Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board

(e) For projects which are in progress, HUDCO has released loan amounts as due, based on project expenditure and extent of finance of HUDCO loan.

(f) Details of loan scheme made by HUDCO to the agencies in Karnataka during 1997-98 (up to 31.10.97) given in the Statement attached.

#### **Statement**

*Details of releases made for the state of Karnataka from 1.4.97 to 31.10.97*

S.No.	Name of agency	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Karnataka Housing Board	2238.73
2.	Bengaluru Water Supply & Sewerage Board	985.31
3.	Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board.	196.00
4.	Bangalore development Authority	500.00
5.	Hubli Dharwad Municipal Corporation	115.00
6.	Slum Clearance Board	1.48
7.	Police Housing Corporation	436.83
Total		4473.35

#### **Fencing of Land of CGHS Dispensaries**

409. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any arrangements to carry out barbed wire to all plots earmarked for CGHS Dispensary Buildings in Delhi to protect them from unauthorised encroachments;

(b) if so, whether the fencing and big iron gates have been provided thereon;

(c) if so, the number thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon ;

(d) whether encroachment from all such plots where removed before fencing;

(e) if so, whether after fencing such plots the Government have any check on encroachers;

(f) if so, the details thereof ; and

(g) if not , the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. CPWD has reported that for all CGHS dispensary plots under CPWD possession, compound wall/barbed wire fencing has been provided except for one plot at Moti Nagar which has been taken over recently from DDA. Fencing in this plot could not be provided for lack of funds.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Boundary wall/ fencing and iron gates have been provided to 7 plots at the cost of Rs. 12.98 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir, except one plot in Sector-II, DIZ area.

(e) to (g) Yes, Sir. A constant watch is being kept through inspections.

[Translation]

#### **Poverty Alleviation Programme**

410. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE:  
COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :  
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:  
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI:  
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :  
PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT :  
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :  
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of the country, separately, state wise;